4TH SENATE DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of Dec.1 — Dec.5th



#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Rufus King H.S. Holiday Party

> Radisson Inn in Menomonee Falls

Calling All Generals! Hope to see you there!

#### Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



#### EPA CLEAN POWER PLAN

I have reached out to the Environmental Protection Agency in support of their Clean Power Plan, specifically in regards to Governor Walker's recent letter opposing key parts of the plan. The various grievances Governor Walker addressed in the letter are largely unfounded and are almost entirely addressed in the various policies within the Clean Power Plan. One particularly important aspect of the



Clean Power Plan is the ability for each state to develop plans that accommodate its own unique circumstances in its path to meeting the proposed goal. The formula used to come up with that goal is unique to each state, and takes into account the existence of other types of power generation, like renewable and nuclear energy, in the state. The benefits of this plan are numerous, including not only climate but health benefits as well, as the Clean Power Plan is estimated to avoid 2,700 to 6,600 premature deaths and 140,000 to 150,000 asthma attacks in children by 2030.

#### 30th STREET NORTH GREENWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT



As a Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District, (MMSD) Commissioner, I believe it is my duty to keep the public informed and especially my constituents. As I learned of the plan for the 30th Street North Corridor, I felt it was important for the community to have a voice in the design and development of their community. Part of the 30th Street North Corridor development plan is to address flooding, storm-water, and lack of recreational/green spaces in the area. Consequently, I called for a public forum on the issue so that members of the community could be in-

formed and have input in the project. Moreover, I want residents to be able to take advantage of the contract and job opportunities that project offers. Often times our community misses out on opportunities like this because we are not informed. It is always my goal to keep my constituents informed and connected to opportunities that allow them to thrive physically and financially. If we don't know; if we don't care; if we don't participate; WE MISS OUT!



#### **BIG STEP Training**

Quality employment and training services to assist eligible individuals in finding and qualifying for meaningful employment. Eligible participants will be in a year long work experience program. They need to complete a two week training session (no pay, bus tickets available if needed) Monday thru Friday from 9am to noon or 1-4pm. After the training we will place them at a worksite for up to 16 weeks, 20 hours per week at \$7.50 per hour. We teach young people how to be a valued employee, good work ethics and the skills to find, get and keep a job.

Darron Suttle @ 414 379-3985 or Kyle Ashley @ 414 378-8630 for more details

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#### CO-SLEEPING LEGISLATION

This past week, I had an opportunity to sit with Dr. McManus and Representative Samantha Kerkman, to talk about Kerkman's proposed Intoxicated Co-sleeping Legislation. Public health officials and others have been trying for years to discourage unsafe sleep environments. But some involved say more needs to be done to



reduce the city's overall number of infant deaths. Co-sleeping deaths are actually a small part of the much larger problem of infant mortality in Milwaukee. Nearly 10 of every 1000 babies born die before their first birthday, most due to prematurity. Socioeconomic issues like poverty have exacerbated an already desperate situation. I do not believe criminal penalties address the root issues of co-sleeping deaths. I was glad to connect Rep. Kerman to Dr. McManus, so that Dr. McManus could share her work around infant mortality and best practices. The conversation went a long way in showing Kerman why focusing on treatment and education is the best way to combat this issue.

Contact Us! We Enjoy Hearing From You!





## **QOUTE of the WEEK**

I Can't Breath- Eric Garner